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REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present

application.

Further to the Amendment filed July 9, 2007, enclosed hereto are Verified English

translations of JP 2003-043076 (filed on February 26, 2003), and JP 2003-049798 (filed on

February 26, 2003), each of which has a filing date prior to the Foreign Application Priority

Date of March 19, 2003 of Toyoda.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, the

Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and

rejections of record, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite

prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786)

at (703) 208-4030 (direct line).

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future

replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for

any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time

fees.

Date: September 7, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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